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Filed                          Concurrently herewith  
For                              DEVICE FOR SHRINKING A SHRINK-WRAP FILM  
Art Unit                      Not known                      Att: Winston Alvarado  
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**SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the translation serving as Specification:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2 insert

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the US national phase of PCT application PCT/EP00/00444 filed 21 January 2000 with a claim to the priority of German patent application 299 01 423.1 itself filed 28 January 1999 and German patent application 299 05 931.6 itself filed 1 April 1999.

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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